



# The Maine Bowhunter



The Official Newsletter of Maine Bowhunters Association

Spring 2017

## Maine Bowhunters Association 2017 Annual Banquet

at JEFF'S CATERING & Event Center, Brewer, ME  
take exit 5 off I-395 in Brewer

Date: Saturday April 15, 2017 Time: Doors Open 5 pm

Get tickets by April 10 for Early-Bird Contest

25% of banquet proceeds donated to **Outdoor Education in Maine**



**MBA banquet sponsored by our many individual and business supporters!**

Visit [www.mainebowhunters.org](http://www.mainebowhunters.org) to get your Tickets now!

**Single Ticket \$30 Couples \$55 Captains Table \$230**

Captain's Table Price includes:

(8 tickets, entry in Special Drawing, and 8 Chinese auction tickets)

**Prizes**  
**silent & Live Auctions**  
**Contests**  
Play our "Quiver of Guns"  
game to win a gun!

To donate auction items please contact Deanna Page at 270-3400 Vendor table space available!

**Our 50th Anniversary Edition includes:**

**President's Report from Deanna Page, Brad's Five Minute Doe, Tree  
Stand Advice from Val Marquez, MBA Historical Timeline, Info  
on one of our many sponsors, North Maine Woods.**

## President's Report Spring 2017 by Deanna L Page

It's MBA Banquet time!!! Please come join us at Jeff' Catering on April 15th in Brewer.

We will be once again donating at least 25% of our banquet profit to Outdoor Education in Maine, so come show your support for the future of our hunting heritage!

Buy your tickets online at [www.mainebowhunters.org](http://www.mainebowhunters.org) or call Julie at 731-7070.

Instead of boring you with a full President's Report, I want to share some photos from the MBA Photo Album....I hope you enjoy a step back in time!



Val Marquez  
104 lb Doe 1988



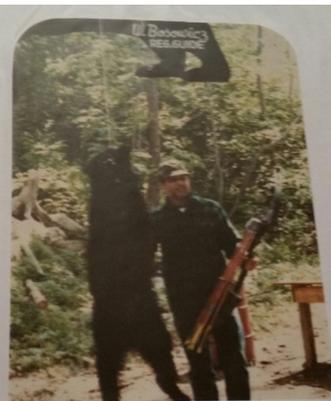
Debbie A Small 10/84  
200 lb. 10pt Buck



Diane Bowden  
105 lb. Doe 10/84



RICHARD A HITCHCOCK, DEXTER, MAINE  
179.5 LB. 8 POINT WHITETAIL BUCK  
11-3-90

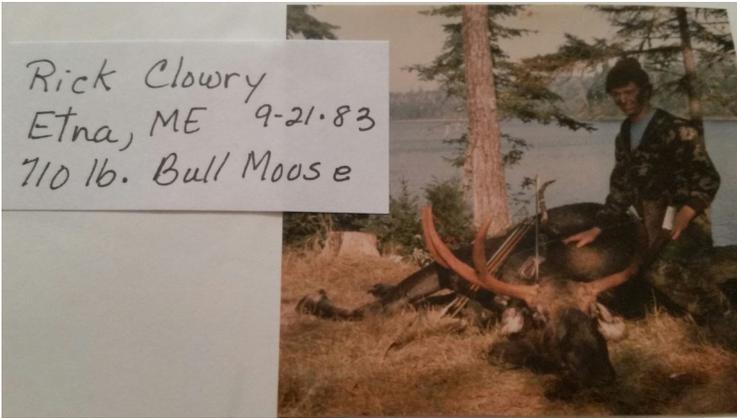


Dennis Gunn  
140 lbs Black bear  
Seberk, ME 6/80

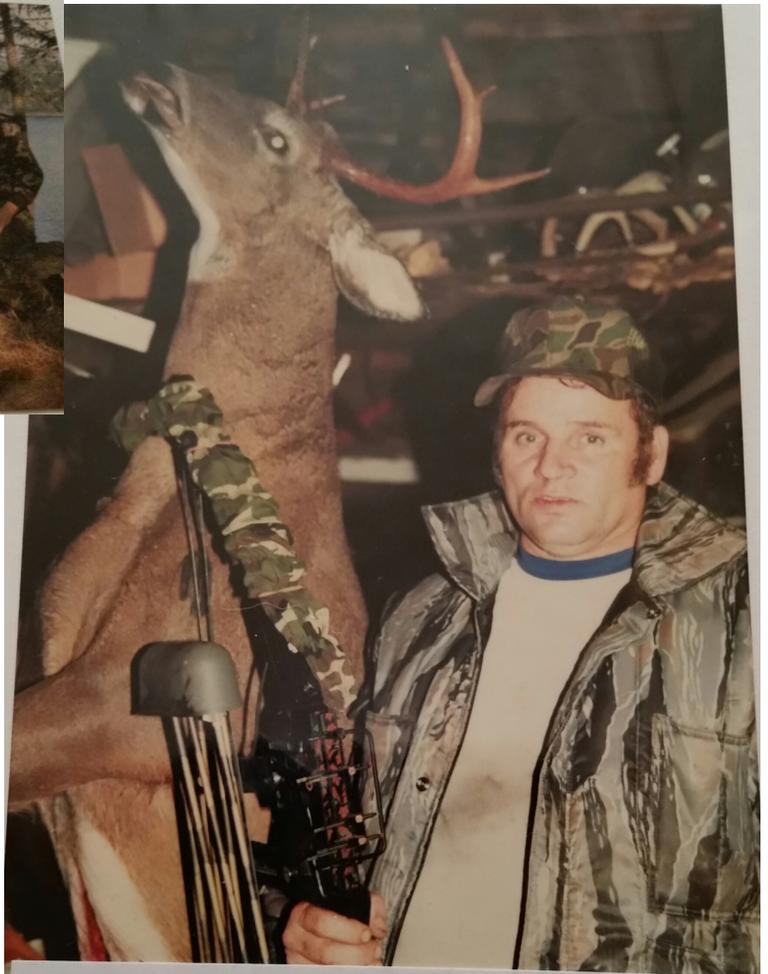


Gerald Troiano  
150 lbs Bear  
Ripogennus Dam  
Oct 1979

More MBA Historical Photos from years past...look at that camo & equipment!!



Rick Clowry  
Etna, ME 9-21-83  
710 lb. Bull Moose



George Crossman  
189 1/2 lb Buck - 87



RICK COTE, GORHAM, ME.  
1000 IB. 19 POINT BULL  
169 7/8 P&Y 9-24-90



First Coyote shoot  
with a bow in Maine

Roger Beaudoin  
1977  
Bear  
1978  
Coyote

Roger Beaudoin 1978



VAL MARQUEZ SHAPLEIGH, MAINE  
122 LB. 6 POINT 11-22-95  
SHAPLEIGH, MAINE



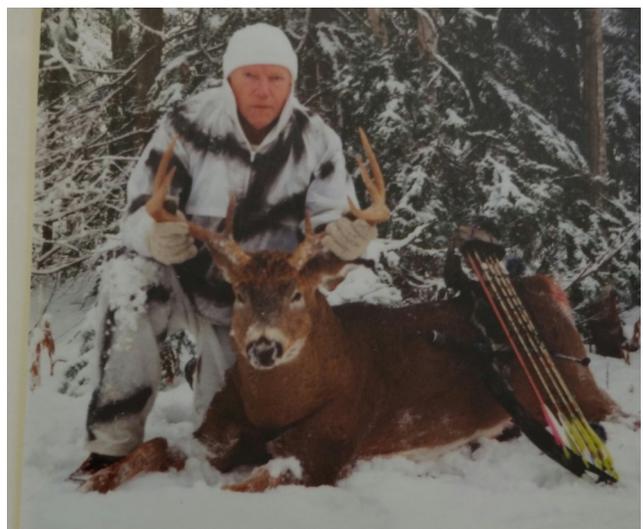
KENNETH SCRIBNER DURHAM, ME.  
130 LB. 4 POINT 10-11-96  
DURHAM, MAINE

**Longtime MBA Reps Val, Ken & Brad**

**Showing off their bowhunting skills. Over the years these 3 have given countless hours to this organization, it's people like this that have helped bring the MBA to our 50th year! We need you to help us begin our next 50 years, visit [www.mainebowhunters.org](http://www.mainebowhunters.org).**



BRADLEY MAGOON CORNVILLE, ME.  
180 L.B. 8 POINT 10/27/97  
CORNVILLE, MAINE



HERB DOBBINS WINDHAM, MAINE  
150 L.B. 7 POINT 11/22/97  
WINDHAM, MAINE



JOHN WARDWELL SOUTH CHINA, MAINE  
20 L.B. TOM 5/1/97-130 L.B. BOAR 8/27/97  
SOUTH CHINA, MAINE PENOBSCOT, MAINE

**This past year, past MBA President John Wardwell passed away. John dedicated many years to the MBA, along with his wife Elaine (seen below with a nice bear she harvested).**



ELAINE WARDWELL S. CHINA, ME.  
130 L.B. BOAR 8/25/97  
PENOBSCOT, MAINE

**We hope you enjoyed a glimpse of the past in these old photos. PLEASE, if you can make time to help the MBA continue to be a strong force here in Maine, please contact us, we NEED you!**

**The future of Maine Bowhunters Association working with some future bow hunters.**



**Membership Director Kristin Trenholm and Statistics Director Travis Sutherland with youth shooters at the Presque Isle Sportsman's Show.**





## The Five-Minute Doe

By

*Brad Magoon*

The day started out for me at 6:25 AM. It was 45 degrees and clear. I did my daily workout, and then went into the woods in back of my house with my tractor and chainsaw to cut some pulpwood logs. Later that afternoon, at 2:15PM I stopped working because it was time to get cleaned up for an afternoon bow hunt. I had to clean up fast, and made it to the Waterville expanded zone in time. By 3:55 I left the trailhead and walked into my hunting area. I had to approach very slowly because the temperature had risen to 75 degrees and the leaves were bone dry and noisy. I was at the soft maple I hunted from by 4:15. I did a little trimming of shooting lanes, and was all settled in by 4:25. The acorns were falling on the crisp leaves like tiny bombs (maybe I didn't have to be so quiet coming in to stand.). I was overlooking a swampy creek bed with very tall swamp grass. The tree I was in was on a small rise, giving me just a little more elevation. I knew this to be a good tree to be hunting from because I killed a doe from it in 2014.

I could hear something moving in the swamp and thought it was a squirrel coming in for acorns. Then I saw a doe coming out of the swamp grass toward me. As she turned and gave me a broadside shot, I released my arrow, and it was a "Rage in the cage." I looked at my watch and it was 4:30. She only ran 80 yds from that clean pass through. I dressed her out, put her on my deer slayer, and dragged her out. I took her to the country store in Sydney to tag her, and drove home. Then I skinned her, boned her out, and had her in the freezer by 7:15 PM. That was one heck of a 13 hour day, but pretty darned productive.

Sometimes five-minute hunts are great and there are many factors that play into success. I believe the high temperature played in my favor because I was hunting near a cool water source.

Kill Em Dead!

Brad Magoon



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## TREESTANDS, THE GOOD, BAD AND UGLY

by

Val Marquez

It was cold and gray that afternoon, snowflakes floated past me as I set in a ladder stand, half way to the top of "Ragged Ass Mountain" in Shapleigh. Don't try to locate it on a map -- it's a local nick name that only a few of us old timers remember. It was the end of November during firearms season -- not a great time to bowhunt but regardless there I was shivering, with recurve bow in hand.

I had packed in a TSS ladder treestand, set it up and planned to hunt from it for the last two days of the season. As evening settled in the snow intensified into big fluffy flakes that covered me within a few minutes at dark I climbed down and headed home.

It snowed all night and into mid morning, then the sun popped out and it became cold. I returned to the stand and found fresh deer tracks heading along the ridge towards my stand as they passed my stand the tracks stopped, turned, and walked to the ladder then spooked and ran off along the ridge.

Ladder stands should be set well before the season to ensure that local deer become accustomed to them, today I place ladder stands well before archery season. At my age I use ladder stands sometimes but are they the safest stands available?

Actually they are not. Wisconsin's Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) recently conducted research on treestand safety and found that climbing tree stands are safer than other types of stands. The following are some of their findings.

Researchers reported that hang on stands accounted for more accidents and that climbers had much less. They stated that hang on stands pose the greatest risk because they require the most strength and dexterity to attach them compared to climbing stands. Also hang on type stands require climbing devices such as tree steps or sticks which are small and can become slippery.

Other facts proved interesting, too: 77% of tree-stand mishaps were in the evenings as bowhunters descended their stands. Researchers reported that ascents and descents from stands accounted for 55% of mishaps and that 20% happened while attaching stands.

Today I use sit and climb stands mostly -- combined with a safety harness I'm never unhooked from the tree it's nearly impossible for me to fall. Whatever stand you choose always read their instructions and practice with it, each type has little idiosyncrasy that you should work out well before the season.

I consider hunting from a stand without a safety harness as unethical, when you consider the impact on your family and the bowhunters you hunt with, after all they are impacted if you fall, as well.

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**50 years  
of  
Maine Bowhunters Association**

The MBA started 50 years ago, with 6 members. They were Lewis Beckim 1<sup>st</sup> president, David Plummer 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Bob Lamphier 1<sup>st</sup> secretary/treasurer, Bob England 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Merlon Cole, and Bob Harter. They developed and accepted the first constitution and by-laws on Oct. 5, 1966. In one year the group had grown to 21 members and has served Maine Bowhunters ever since.

1966 -mid70s: MBA focused on membership and archery shoots and grew to about 50 members. It was also involved with teaching archery in public schools and summer camps.

1997 MBA worked with IF&W and communities throughout Maine to establish "expanded archery season/zones," providing hunting opportunities in areas where none existed.

2005 Wells BLIP hunt

2007 MBA nearly dissolved due to financial problems.

MBA moved away from paying for Lobbyists and started lobbying for ourselves to save money.

Got involved with youth archery with NASP.

2008-2010 Marsh Island BLIP hunt was established after 50 years of no hunting on the island. With the island overrun with deer & lyme disease problems, the MBA worked for years with the towns & IF&W to get this area opened to expanded archery for all bowhunters.

2012 Reorganized representative structure from county to regional.

Re-established our printed newsletter.

2014 Helped defeat the Bear referendum by donating \$15,000 to the campaign

and helping to educate voters through grassroots campaign.

Due to solid financial standing starting investing in bowhunting through outdoor education scholarships and other philanthropical efforts.

Today: Sportsman's Shows, Works cooperatively with archery shops, Fights for bowhunter rights in Legislature, Youth Archery, Donates to scholarships and other outdoor education, Works cooperatively with other sporting groups such as Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Awards Banquet, Web Site, Newsletter, Magazine, Statewide representation. Collects archery statistics to share with DIFW, Gives awards to successful bowhunters.

Tomorrow: Get involved to help the MBA protect & promote our heritage!! It's up to you!



# North Maine Woods, Inc.

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**"Experience the Tradition"**



The Maine Bow Hunters Association would like to take a minute and thank North Maine Woods for their continued support to our organization. North Maine Woods manages over 3.5 million acres in the state of Maine. Two of Maine's famous rivers the St. John River and the Allagash River flow thru this beautiful area. The Allagash Wilderness Waterway is located in this region also.

The concept of North Maine Woods evolved from a landowner committee organized in the mid 1960's to resolve differences between logging contractors over road use and maintenance. Log drives were ending and the major access road systems were expanding. As a result of the improved access, there was a significant increase in recreational traffic as more people took to the woods to hunt, fish and camp. Individual landowners began to establish their own control gates to manage these new pressures.

Unmanned gates were constructed as part of an agreement with the State of Maine to keep the number of access points to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway to a minimum. Other gates were erected at the request of U.S. Customs and Immigration to prohibit travellers from using the private road system as a shortcut between Maine and Quebec. During the 1970's travel within the interior of the area was restricted by as many as 26 unmanned locked gates.

Over the past thirty years, landowners have become comfortable with the knowledge that their property was safer inside the managed area and most interior gates were removed. The number of access points to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway is now controlled by regulation rather than gates. Today travel is possible throughout the entire area with only a few restrictions. This was accomplished through agreements made between adjacent landowners and between landowners and governmental agencies.

In the early 1970's NMW began as an association and assumed the operation of several checkpoints on the perimeter of the area. In 1975 the association changed to a partnership. NMW became a non-profit corporation under Maine law in 1981.

The North Maine Woods area has experienced two expansions. In 1985, the size of the managed area increased by three hundred thousand acres along the southwest border with the addition of lands surrounding Baker Lake and Wadleigh Pond. In 1999, another seven hundred thousand acre tract was added to the southern boundary to include property from Chesuncook Lake west to the Quebec border. These expansions have resulted in many unmanned steel gates being eliminated to allow sportsmen the ability to travel from Greenville, Rockwood or Millinocket all the way to Fort Kent or Ashland. Through economies of scale, these expansions also provided for cost efficiencies and user fee decreases for some categories.

Another change occurred in 1986 when North Maine Woods, Inc. was contracted by several other landowners to manage the 170,000 KI Jo-Mary Multiple Use Forest.

The landowners have coordinated the management of recreational use within the NMW area with state agencies. Visitor use information is shared with various agencies to aid them in planning. NMW has a contract with the Bureau of Parks & Land to collect Allagash Wilderness Waterway and Penobscot River Corridor user fees as visitors pass through the NMW checkpoints. This contract eliminates duplication of effort and expense and allows a visitor travelling to the park lands to register in only one place. Maintenance of campsites on some Public Reserved Lands is carried out by NMW under another contract with the Bureau of Parks & Lands. State Personnel serve on various NMW committees helping with the administration and planning for the organization.

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**To all our Armed Forces  
THANK YOU!  
From everyone at the  
Maine Bowhunters Association**



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